

***The Gates Staying Connected Technical Support Grant***, administered by the New Hampshire State Library, will assist in providing basic and advanced technical assistance and support for public library staff so that public access computing will be improved and new technology sustained.

***The Grant*** will provide funds to support the following areas of technical support:

- Assistance in writing a three year technology plan
- Assistance in writing a financial plan to support public access computing or assistance in planning designing and implementing a network
- Assistance to contract with a vendor for on-call technical support or to contract with a vendor to implement a technology plan
- Assistance with configuring patron authentication for the NH Overdrive Audiobook program.

***The Grant*** will not fund:

- Computer hardware or software
- Library Automation Systems

### **Eligibility**

All New Hampshire public libraries will be eligible to apply for funding.

### **Review Process and Timeline**

A panel of library and technical professionals will review all applications. Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the application and supporting documentation provided by the applicant. Final recommendations for funding are made by the State Librarian.

**July 14, 2006** Grant application deadline, all applications must be received by 4:30pm on July 14, 2006.

**July 17-August 31** Review and award of grants

**August 31, 2007** Grant recipients must submit a report on the use of the grant funds.